

**REMARKS**

This paper is being filed in response to the Notice dated March 16, 2004 that was issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants also enclose a Substitute Sequence Listing in paper and computer-readable form, a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e). Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks presented herein prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.115.

The Sequence Listing of record has been replaced with the Substitute Sequence Listing enclosed herewith. Support for this amendment may be found in the original sequence listing filed December 8, 2003. I hereby state that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Substitute Sequence Listing submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and (e), are the same. I hereby state that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Substitute Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(g), herein does not include new matter. Accordingly, Applicants assert that the Substitute Sequence Listing enclosed herewith fully complies with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 – 1.825.

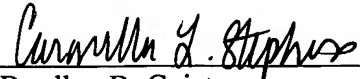
Applicants have enclosed herewith a copy of a Declaration executed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.68. Therefore, Applicants believe that the instant application is complete and respectfully request prompt examination thereof.

Applicants enclose herewith the fee required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e). While Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are required with this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees occasioned by this submission not otherwise enclosed herewith to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. Please credit any overpayment of

fees associated with this filing to the above-identified deposit account. A duplicate of this page is enclosed. A copy of the Notice is also enclosed herewith.

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